Louisiana Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

RSC Minutes

Sunday, January 6, 2024

I. <u>Meeting Convened:</u>

A. At 10:00am

B. At Gethsemane Lutheran Church **C.** Hosted By New Orleans Area

II. <u>Readings:</u>

- **A.** Serenity Prayer Nikki B.
- **B.** 12 Traditions Jax W.
- C. 12 Concepts Anthony L.
- **D.** Purpose of the RSC Nikki B.

III. <u>Roll Call</u>

A. Administrative Committee:

1. Chairperson – Nikki B.	Present	337-884-0231	nbailey@randrconst.com
2. Vice Chair – Amy G.	Present	504-450-6839	amygunity@yahoo.com
3. Treasurer – Don B.	Present	504-234-8301	donb.larna@gmail.com
4. Secretary –	Vacant		
5. Regional Delegate -	Bob St.	225-335-4940	bstorer79@gmail.com
6. RD Alternate -	Scotty H.	337-304-3419 <u>sco</u>	ttyhigginbotham@yahoo.com

B. Standing Committees:			
1. A & F	Vacant		
2. H & I –	Vacant		
3. Policy –	Vacant		
4. Fellowship Dev– Richard T.	Present	318-578-0344	nlananet1@gmail.com
C. Interested Parties: 1. Board of Directors – Bob Si.	. Present	225-978-4749	rsinger@tgpohio.com
D. Area Service Representatives:			
1. Acadiana – Anthony L	Present	337-366-5369	tony736@hotmail.com
2. Bayou Recovery – Nancy S.	Present	225-241-4680	nancy61088@gmail.com
3. Central – Robbie L.	Present	318-201-9383 robbie	@deltamerchantservices.com
4. Grtr. Baton. Rouge –	Absent		

5. Lake – Stephen J.	Present	337-353-7227	stephenjeane@gmail.com
6. New Orleans	Absent		
7. North – Jax W.	Present	318-272-1324	jwebb925.jw@outlook.com
8. Northshore $-$ Trent H	Present	985-801-9281	trenthowell@live.com
9. Serenity – Daniel S.	Present	318-245-0604 bigd	laddystew1979@gmail.com
10. Unity – Robbie G.	Present	504-427-4401 robe	rtguillot1955@gmail.com

Others in Attendance

1. Stephen L.	Nominee	337-263-3656	s.losee@yahoo.com
2. Dennis H. ASR-Alt	Acadiana	337-423-3051	<u>cleanfun59@yahoo.com</u>
3. Michelle C.	Unity	504-307-3706	mmayeuxkiefer@yahoo.com
4. Krischele C.	New Orleans	323-384-4729	krissiecease1987@gmail.com
5. Charles W. ASR-Alt	Northshore	850-598-3805 comba	atcontrol1987@gmail.com

III. <u>Quorum Established:</u>

A. Yes - 8 Areas present out of 10.

IV. Approval of Previous Quarterly Region Minutes:

A. October 2023

B. Motion to Approve Minutes as Typed – Nancy S. (Bayou Recovery Area) 2nd. By Anthony L. (Acadiana Area)

V. <u>Reports:</u>

A. Administrative Committee Reports:

1. <u>Chairperson</u> – Nikki B. – Report Submitted

Hey y'all I'm Nikki and I am an addict. Just a few things: I was put on the Regional banking account. I chaired the Gumbo Cook Off and it was an amazing event. We ended up raising \$1,481.70. See attached breakdown Report. I'm excited to be your new chairperson and ask for some patience and tolerance with me as I am learning and willing to be teachable. I am excited to have no opinion on the matters but to just help the meeting run smoothly. In loving Service, Nikki B. Income:

Louisiana Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous Gumbo Cook Off

Saturday, November 18, 2023

income:				
Seed Money	\$	300.00		
Tickets Sales	\$	590.00		
T-Shirts	\$	110.00		
50/50 Raffle	\$	150.00		
Drinks	\$	37.00		
Pie Throw	\$	155.00		
Silent Auction	\$	116.00		
Live Auction	\$	320.00		
			\$	1,778.00
Donations:				
Spiritual Ninjas	\$	200.00		
7th Tradition	\$	96.00		
Get Real Northshore	\$	50.00		
Don B. (50/50 Winner)	\$	75.00		
			\$	421.00
Expenses:				
Sam's Club (Supplies)	\$	(212.57)		
lce	\$	(15.00)		
Marques Market (Coffee Sup.)	\$	(11.12)		
Dollar Tree (Tickets)	\$	(2.73)		
Walmart (Coffee Supplies)	\$	(25.88)		
Rent	\$	(150.00)		
			\$	(417.30)
		Grand Total	\$	1,781.70
		Seed Money	\$	(300.00)
Total Amount from Fundraiser				1,481.70
Registration Winners:				
Inversion M/ (Seatter)	227	052 2250		

Jeremiah W. (Scotty) 337-853-2259 Will Q 985-969-4123

2. <u>Vice Chairperson Report</u> – Amy G. – Report Submitted

I would like to thank everyone for their patience with me on my first vice chair position. I know I allowed a little more time of discussion on the Policy, Insurance, and 501c4. I will get better at time management. Lots going on in the Region please take any fliers that are available and pay attention to the Regional website, Facebook page, group me, and your local areas Facebook pages for upcoming events and fliers. Alas a reminder to all ASR's to discuss with your Areas about the Environmental Scan Survey and the other surveys that each member can fill out.

In Loving Service

Amy G

3. <u>Treasurer's Report</u> – Don B. – Report Submitted

January 2024 Treasurer Report

Hi, I am excited to be of service in this new position this year. After the election in October, I was tasked with getting a new post office box, changing the officers on the Secretary of State paperwork, research liability insurance for the RSC and Homegroups, and changing our banking information to add/remove signors and reflect our name change from last year. I am sure there will be several questions when I finish this report and I am certainly willing to go into greater details on everything.

Trevis J. turned over all government documents and checking account items to me. Once I took possession of the checking account and looked over all the figures. I notice a discrepancy between the actual bank account balance when comparing it to our treasurer's quarterly report. There was a \$203.85 difference to the good. Meaning after all outstanding checks cleared the actual bank account had \$203.85 more than what was reported on the ledger. So, I am recording this error on the ledger with a note to bring the ledger into balance with the actual bank account.

So, since the close of October's report, the following has occurred. We received funds from the Gumbo Cook Off of \$1,781.71 above the \$300.00 send money. So, the Gumbo Cook Off took in \$1,481.70. The only expense that occurred was Ck#148 for \$76.19 this was written to purchase checks. Our current Bank Balance is \$31,379.89 minus encumbered funds of \$13,891.89. This leaves the RSC with an operating budget of \$17,488.00.

Post Office Box

I went to the USPS branch at 5351 Lapalco Blvd. in Marrero LA 70072 and set up a new P.O. Box. Our P.O. Box address was purchased on October 23, 2023, and will **need to be renewed by November 30, 2024.** There were 2 keys issued – the Key Number is 18419. It is my suggestion that we give one key to me and the other to our

Vice Chair Amy G, since Amy lives closest to the location. The cost of the P.O. Box was \$166.00. I was given \$170.00, so I will be returning \$4.00. The P.O. Box paperwork will be kept with the receipt in the treasurer's binder. Currently the PO Box is on Auto Renew and is linked to my personal Credit Card. The renewal for the box is November 30, 2024.

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P.O. Box 1471

Marrero, LA 70073

Secretary of State

I filed a Statement of Notice of Change with the Louisiana Secretary of State Office on November 4, 2023. I removed Trevis J. as the Registered Agent and added myself. I also changed the officers by removing Trevis J. and Doug F. and adding Nikki B., Amy G. and Myself as the new officers. I was given \$75.00 to file all the necessary changes. The cost was \$30.00. I will be returning \$45.00 back to the RSC.

The Next Annual Report will be available on March 21, 2024, and will have to be completed and filed by April 20, 2024. The cost for the Annual Report is \$15.00.

<u>IRS</u>

I contacted the IRS to ensure that we are in good standing with the Federal Government. The lady insured me that we are a non-profit organization registered with IRS. If we would like to apply for tax exempt status (determination letter), I will have to submit **form 1024A** with a \$600.00 application fee. This has to be done within a 27-month period from the date we registered with the IRS. We registered with the IRS on April 18, 2022. **The deadline to complete this process is May/July of 2024.** It was explained to me by the IRS that the only way to receive a tax-exempt determination letter and certificates is by completing this form and paying the \$600.00. This is just dealing with Tax Exemption Status. We are still registered with the IRS as a Non-Profit Organization 501c4.

Non-Profit Information

I strongly believe that we should seek professional advice in making sure all documents have been filed and completed correctly when dealing with our organization. I spoke with a company called Bryte Bridge Non-profit Solutions and this is a company that has helped over 30,000 organizations establish Non-Profit Tax-exempt status. They will look over all that was done to date and make sure everything is correctly set up. They will file all the necessary forms with the government to make sure we are in compliance. I have been asked by a few of our members if we are or are not a non-profit and if we completed all the necessary paperwork with the IRS. I spoke with the IRS as I stated earlier in my report, and I feel that we have completed everything but the 1024A form which the IRS said is optional. However, I am not a tax professional, and I would feel better if we left this up to someone who is a professional. The quote the Bryte-Bridge gave me is \$749.00 plus the IRS application fee of \$600.00.

Liability Insurance

I contacted Vista International Insurance Brokers, Ltd. LLC about getting a quote for our meetings. The Agent I spoke with is named Alicyn Nalducci, 800-819-8808. I am under the impression that this is the same insurance agency that held our policy in the past. She asked me to complete an application so she could give us a quote. The information that was needed was the total number of meetings per year and the average number of attendees per meeting. She also asked me to attach a meeting list with this application. I have a copy of the application if anyone would like to see it. I also spoke with her about directors and officers insurance, and she said that it is offered. In my opinion we could obtain insurance for all service positions in our 501c4 organization, giving our trusted servants some personal protection if litigation ever occurred. Once again this is my opinion, and I am not a professional. I did not get a quote for the D&O policy, because I first wanted to discuss this with everyone at this meeting. So, the ASR's can decide how we move forward on this matter. I suggest that we hire a professional attorney to see where our liability is in this matter. It is suggested by WS that Regions acquire liability insurances for their homegroups, and I have a copy of the World Service Bulletin #33 if anyone would like to read it.

Red River Bank

I contacted Red River Bank and updated all the signees to our account as well as informed them of our name change. I had to present to the bank the Secretary of State paperwork as well as a signed copy of the Minutes from October 2023 RSC meeting. I also had to purchase new checks with all the updated corrected information. The cost of the Checks was \$76.19. I wrote Ck#148 for \$76.19 to myself and paid for the checks with my debit card.

This brings me to my next suggestion I feel that it should not be a members responsibility to pay for goods or services through their personal checking/credit card accounts, if it can be avoided. I don't understand why the treasurer does not have access to a debit card for the RSC checking account. We have moved into the age of paying for things online and I think we should look into getting a debit card for these purposes. Not all purchases can be made by paper check or an ach payment.

I am writing a personal check to RSC in the Amount of \$49.00 to reimburse the Region this was the monies left over from Filing the Secretary of State paperwork and the P.O. Box.

In closing I will be making the following Recommendations:

• Hire a lawyer to look over our liability if any when it comes to insuring our home groups and the RSC meetings and trusted servants.

- Hire a Business Management Agency or a Lawyer to look over our 501c4 paperwork and filings to make sure we are in compliance with all necessary government agencies.
- To obtain a debit card for the RSC checking account.
- To put into use a Money Motion Form This new motion form will be used anytime money is requested from the region. The difference between this motion form and our regular motion form is that there is a place to write who the check should be made out to and a place to give a detailed description on what the money is needed for.

In Loving Service Don B. LRSCNA Treasurer

LA Regional Service Co	ommittee Tre	easurer's Report	Date:	Ja	an. 1, 2024
Income: Group Don	ations	Encumbered	Funds o	r Budg	jets
Acadiana Area		Prudent Reserve		\$	4,900.00
Bayou Recovery Area		Public Relations Bud	lget	\$	2,220.87
Central Area		Hospitals & Institutions	Budget		
G reater Baton Rouge Area		Literature H&I Prisc		\$	2,702.85
Lake Area		RD Budget		\$	4,068.17
New Orleans Area		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			
North Area					
Northshore Area		Total Encumberd F	unds	\$	13,891.89
Serenity Area					
Unity Area		Expenses	Checks	Ck#	Cash
		Purchased Checks - Don B	\$ 76.19	139	
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Total Group Donation:	¢				
Total Group Donation.	J -	I			
Income: Other Funds	Received	1			
Gumbo Cook Off	\$ 1,481.70				
Returned Seed Money Gumbo	\$ 300.00				
Accounting Error from					
Previous Treasurer	\$ 203.85				
		Total Expenditur	es	\$	76.19
		Ending Report	Totals	Infor	mation
		Opening B	alance	\$	29,470.53
		Income: Funds	Received	\$	1,985.55
Total Other Funds Received:	\$ 1,985.55	Debit: Exp	end itu res	\$	76.19
		Debit: Encumber	ed funds	\$	13,891.89
Total Funds Received:	\$ 1,985.55	Unencumbered			17,488.00
		10% Donations Naws	#		
Notes: This Is the Opening To	otals Under a	3% Donations SZF	#		
New Treasurer Don B. The En	_	Unencumbered Funds - Do	onations	s	17,488.00
Reflects the Checking Accourt	nt as of Jan 1,	Ending Balance	·e	\$	31,379.89
2024		Ending Dalant		9	01,013.03

RED RIVER BANK

Account Detail

SMALL BUSINESS-0955

Pending Transactions

No Records Available

Posted Transactions

Date	Description	Withdrawal/Deposit	Balance
11/21/2023	CHECK 139	-\$600.00	\$31,379.89
11/21/2023	DEPOSIT	\$1,781.70	\$31,979.89
11/16/2023	CHECK 148	-\$76.19	\$30,198.19
11/08/2023	CHECK 143	-\$588.23	\$30,274.38
10/23/2023	CHECK 137	-\$521.55	\$30,862.61
10/23/2023	CHECK 136	-\$63.53	\$31,384.16
10/20/2023	CHECK 142	-\$1,960.76	\$31,447.69
10/12/2023	CHECK 141	-\$300.00	\$33,408.45
10/12/2023	CHECK 138	-\$145.60	\$33,708.45
10/12/2023	CHECK 134	-\$150.00	\$33,854.05
10/12/2023	CHECK 131	-\$30.00	\$34,004.05
10/11/2023	CHECK 140	-\$170.00	\$34,034.05
10/11/2023	CHECK 135	-\$75.00	\$34,204.05
10/11/2023	CHECK 133	-\$124.40	\$34,279.05
10/11/2023	CHECK 130	-\$120.74	\$34,403.45
10/10/2023	CHECK 132	-\$130.07	\$34,524.19
10/10/2023	DEPOSIT	\$17,024.38	\$34,654.26

Account Summary

Available Balance	\$31,379.89	
Current Balance	\$31,379.89	
As Of	12/25/2023	
Interest Paid YTD	\$0.00	
Interest Rate	0%	
Interest Accrued	\$0.00	
Last Deposit Amount	\$1,781.70	

\$31,379.89 Available balance

4. <u>Secretary Report</u> – Vacant

Greetings Family,

Due to the Secretary's position being vacant the 1st Qtr. Minutes for this meeting was recorded by Amy G. (Vice Chair) and Nikki B. (Chair) and typed and prepared by Don B. (Treasurer). We are currently looking for someone to fill this position.

All members please mention to your Area's and Homegroups that this position is open, and we are in need of someone to be of service.

I emailed everyone copies of last quarter's minutes and sent out several flyers throughout the past three months. If any Area's would like me to forward flyers out to the other Area's as well as to PR, please send them to my email address: donb.larna@gmail.com.

Welcome to all the new ASRs and Committee Officers we are glad to have you be of service to your Area's and Region. All information can be found in the copy of the minutes anything that we would like you to discuss with your Area will be highlighted to make it easier to pick out.

If anyone needs to contact me about the minutes, please feel free to call me 504-234-8301.

In Loving Service, Don B.

5. <u>Regional Delegate Report</u> – Bob St. – Report Submitted

Hello all,

SZF: After y'all elected me as the RD and had me begin my term immediately instead of on January 1st, I contacted Southern Zonal Forum (SZF) to ask for schedules of upcoming meetings, rules of procedure, and to be listed with them as the RD for Louisiana. Lucy Owens, the Secretary (which they call "Recorder"), immediately replied and told me that the SZF meeting was that weekend in Detroit! For once I was grateful there was a zoom option, and I did attend Sunday 10/15/23 by zoom.

They began the meeting by talking about taking an inventory, which they want to do on Friday evening at the next SZF meeting (January 25-27, 2024, in St. Louis). They also are planning to send a questionnaire out to SZF member Regions to ask about what we like, what we do not like, and what we want from SZF.

Just this week, Monday the 1st, that survey was put online, and I sent a link to y'all for it on the GroupMe chat app. If you opened it and filled it out, you know that 75% of the questions on that survey are asking about Regional, Area, and Group service instead of what SZF is or is not doing well. Apparently, this inventory is not focused on SZF. Hopefully Scotty and I will have some answers for you on that after the SZF meeting at the end of this month. PS: At the time of this writing, there have been 27 responses from 6 of the 11 member regions, and 24 of these are from Missouri, Tennessee, and Arkansas. Not exactly representative of the SZF member regions.

They also talked about needing a "facilitator" for the inventory, and decided on two people whose names I do not recognize. One is from Tulsa and the other is from Chicago. They decided they would "cover expenses" for these two regarding their hotel stay and travel and set the expectation that this would come to about \$1000 each. (Sharon (who I think is the Treasurer), said they have 14K in the bank, but I do not know if this includes whatever they have put aside as prudent reserve). Since then, one of the two facilitators backed out, but they have asked another person, so they are still planning on having 2 "facilitators" for the inventory at a cost of about \$2,000.

I asked about the overall schedule for that weekend as in, "What are we doing Saturday and Sunday?" and was told the schedule would be available soon. They did talk about the two "presentations" that will be done. Apparently, the Region hosting the SZF for that meeting, in this case, the St. Louis Region, asks for topics and they have asked for 'Fund Flow' and 'What is a Zonal Forum.' I have been told these are expected to be 60-90 minutes each and will likely be on Saturday. I am presuming that Sunday a.m. will be the regular SZF meeting, but I do not know how long that will go on for. And thus far, the only schedule that I've seen says there will be some kind of PR event on Saturday in addition to the two topic presentations.

They next talked about "Reaching out to Regions," (although I am not sure for what purpose beyond what they already do), and Kristen (the Fellowship Development/Public Relations person?) offered to put together a "Work group for social media outreach."

Next, they talked about the need to add to their guidelines a requirement or expectation, that the hosting region give a detailed report regarding money in, money out, t-shirts sold, etc. Turns out when they say the Region should give this report, they are really saying the RD gives this report. They also seem to be saying that the RD is responsible for all these functions as well as getting a hotel, negotiating a contract for the hotel, and arranging fundraisers for SZF during the meeting! This seems like an awful lot to ask of an RD and I said as much. My comment did not seem to be well received.

They changed the term of the Zonal Delegate to match the WSC conference cycle.

Finally, there was discussion about establishing SZF as a 501 C 3 corporate entity. When I asked about the purpose for this though, the answer I got was that they wanted to have a bank account that was not in one person's name and tied to someone's individual SSN. In the end, this discussion was tabled, and they decided to simply get an EIN as a nonprofit business now while they learn more about establishing a corporation.

Given that I attended via Zoom, I was not able to hand deliver the donation check, but I did mail it to them.

Since that meeting...

ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN SURVEY: Y'all may remember my asking on the "group me" chat for RSC about the "Environmental Scan Survey," that the Region was supposed to have completed for WSC2024. The issue was that Zonal forums were being asked to complete the survey with a deadline of November 15th. While I was trying to determine what the Region's conscience was on these items, Lee, the past RD, chimed in on the message string and said that the survey questions had never been presented to the ASRs, meaning there was no Regional group conscience on the content.

To be fair, one of the documents I read associated with the survey, and I believe it was from the World Board, said that the survey could be completed by group conscience, by the RD team reporting what they thought the Region's conscience would be, or by the RD team answering based on their own personal beliefs.

However, I promised you to represent the Region's conscience, and since there was none on the survey's content, Scotty and I both agreed we would have no input for the survey. We did, however, attend the Zoom meeting on it.

The zoom meeting took place on 11/4/23 to determine Zonal responses to survey. Only 6 Regions had responded to the survey. There was much discussion about how the SZF should respond. With their own ideas? With the member region's ideas? They eventually decided to report the modal response for those Regions that had submitted responses. When there was no modal response (i.e. 2 v 2 v 2), they reported the median response. Texas RD suggested that SZF should look at areas reported to be "High Impact" for any Regions and see if there is something SZF can do to help, but that seemed to fall on deaf ears at that time.

WORLD BOARD MEETING On November 18, 2023 (while y'all were yucking it up in Hammond at the crawfish boil... lol) I attended a World Board meeting by zoom.

It was chaired by Irene, WB chair.

Naws update: Anthony E... World Convention next year, Washington DC "Power of Love" Booking rooms will open up by end of year? Update: Online registration will open January 9, 2024. Some sources say at 7 a.m., other sources say 7 p.m.

Why register early? There will be changes to seating in the main meeting room... Seating will be best for people who registered earliest... Registration and seating will be color coded. NAWS pub subscribers will get email notification of when registration is open (dated and time).

Meeting finder changes: There is a recording of the

webinar... <u>www.na.org/meetingsearch.</u> Trying to start a new system by the end of year... no longer registering groups. Go by service body's lists.

<u>New guidelines</u> on what is OK and what is not regarding the use of the NA symbol. NAWS style guide Na.org/fipt.

<u>WSC dates:</u> Interim CAR/CAT should be out November 28, 2024; There will be an Interim WSC meeting on February 28th and March 1st . 11/3/25-26 The CAR should be published by November 3, 2025; 2/3/26 The CAT should be available by February 3, 2026; and WSC will be May 3rd through the 9th , 2026.

<u>Financial update:</u> Waiting for results of last year's audit... Beefing up staffing. Literature sales not up to pre-covid numbers yet.

Zones will discuss and make suggestions for the strategic plan based on surveys in sessions run by WSB. (More on that in a bit).

Issue Discussion Topics: Looking at "DRT/MAT and NA" (DRT=Drug Replacement Therapy and MAT=Medication Assisted Treatment) Draft out for review.

Notable: They think the way NA members meet has changed permanently, i.e. zoom meetings in place of face to face.

Eventual draft of FD Basics? www.na.org/basics... "Developing and strengthening NA at community level."

Discussion on Issue Discussion Topics being developed:

1. How can delegates help areas take an inventory and reimagine service delivery?

2. What are the questions that the reimagining service IDT workshop could contain in support of developing FD basics

We were split up into different "rooms" on zoom for this. I was in Room 5: Tana with World Board (Note: I was not, and still am not, clear on what "service delivery" they are/were talking about)

#1: The discussion was on getting more people involved in service work... Saying that areas may not know/realize what RSC does for them...#2: How do we communicate with the Areas? The Groups?

What got you excited about service? How do we show that we are kind to others in service?

Why is service important for you and NA as a whole?

When is service needed? How do we know when a service is not needed (it's not working anymore).

What service do you want from your region? How can the region support and carry the message in your community?

Questions or closing comments: Will there be specific seating for people needing interpreters? "Right now, that is not the plan... Don't believe that will be necessary."

More \$ than normal? NY not able to get into HI places so not buying as much literature... "A lot of people are running into problems getting up and running... That's what this whole IDT is about, revitalizing service committees...

Seating for people needing sign language? Plans? "We will do whatever we can to comply with ADA... If people will let us know what their needs are... Will do what we have to... Window in window in Orlando, I imagine we'll take the same approach. Survival kit? Supposed to be out next week? Haven't heard/seen... "Will not be next week... expect it to be available in early 2024... Being worked on as we speak.

Next webinar/zoom meeting on September 2nd.

Zonal Planning Workshops:

Email from Danny G notifying Regions that there will be Zoom based and in-person workshops (2 2-hour blocks for 4 hours total) "To analyze the survey results and discuss possible solutions to the identified challenges... A board member and staff person will facilitate these sessions." The SZF workshop is scheduled for April 6th , 11-1 and 2-4 CST.

<u>FINANCIAL</u>: So, SZF will meet in St. Louis, January 26-28 and if going, we need to be there by 5 p.m. Friday for inventory.

The hotel cost for 2 nights is approx. 330.00; for 3 nights (if flying, or sleeping before driving) is 495.00 Economy round trip by air (at the time I looked it up) = 450 So, the cost to fly would be approximately 1,045.00.

I hate flying.

Google maps says it is a 1334-mile round trip. Don says the milage reimbursement rate is .65 per mile = 867.10. Add hotel of 495.00 and total cost driving would be approximately \$1,362.10.

Obviously just reimbursing actual gas cost would be cheaper for the Region: (approximately 1334 miles /17mpg = 78.5 gal @ \$3.12 per gal = approx. \$245.00. Add a hotel of 495 and the total cost would be about \$740.00.

I'm asking for the milage reimbursement in advance to fund the trip. In loving service, Bob S.

6. <u>Regional Delegate Alternative</u> – Scotty H. - Submitted Report Scotty submitted his travel expenses for SZF to the Treasurer.

B. <u>Standing Committee Reports:</u>

- 1. <u>Activities & Fundraisers Vacant</u> Open Discussion
- (a) Please All Areas submitted any flyers for events to the GroupMe and the LARNA Facebook page, as well as the LARNA website.
- (b) BRANA Valentine Day Party Louisiana Regional Convention Fundraiser- Saturday, February 3, 2024, 6pm to 9pm – Grace Baptist - 630 Richland Ave. Baton Rouge \$10 suggested Donation.
- (c) NSANA Mardi Gras Ball XVIII Louisiana Regional Convention Fundraiser Saturday, February 24, 2024, 5pm to 9pm – Abita Town Hall – 22161 Level St. Abita Springs, \$10.00 Suggested Donation.
- (d) 27th Annual Meditation Retreat North Toledo Bend State Park February 2nd 4th
- (e) Lake Area 24th Annual Unity Day Campout Methodist Landing Park, Methodist Landing Rd. Leesville – March 15th – 17th - \$10.00 Suggested Donation per Campsite.

2. <u>Hospitals & Institutions</u> – Vacant

3. <u>Fellowship Development</u> – Richard T. – Present - Report Submitted

Hello RSC!

In the last quarter we have made progress with websites, social media, and planning for 2024.

We have someone in each area responsible for keeping up their BMLT database and keeping their area websites content up to date:

NOANA: Steven H Unity: Steven H and Robbie G Bayou Recovery: Area PR Chair Acadiana: Anthony L Lake: Shelley GBR: Handled by Bayou Central: Robbie L North: Ross B Northshore: PR Chair and Sean S Serenity: Richard T

The LA Region website is hosted and handled by Steve S. Bayou Recovery is also handled by Steve S. Sean S handles the backend for Northshore. Richard T handles the backend for NOANA, Unity, Acadiana, Lake, Central, North & Serenity. Most of the areas have all their docs and are responsible for and paying for their website hosting and domain registration. I am still paying for a few but will be getting that taken care of soon. The LA Region website, larna.org, now has a very user-friendly form to fill out to add events to the website. Go to larna.org, events, add an event, and fill out the form. If you have any problem doing this then please contact me and I'll walk you through it. If necessary, I can make a how-to video.

The Region minutes are up to date for 2023 on larna.org. In the future it will make things simpler for the RSC to send this information directly to Steve S, webmaster@larna.org . Just add him to the email list. I have some misc forms and example contact letters I hope to get posted for download soon.

The phone line, 585-DONT-USE, is up and working. We had an issue with Northshore (they use our infrastructure but their own number) but Sean got it worked out. We still have an issue with the text function not working. I contacted Steve S for advice and was. directed me to documentation I have already used (didn't work) and referred me to the Slack channel to contact the developers directly. I will be doing this soon and can hopefully get this function back working. I have registered dontuse.org and put it on a basic droplet on Digital Ocean. I had been piggy backing it on other sites but there were issues if there were problems with that site it also required reworking YAP. The current cost of hosting is around \$8.00 per month and ~\$10.00 a year for domain registration. Having it standalone makes it more reliable and easier to admin.

For social media this past quarter I put the entire social media budget on a 35-day PSA at \$10.00 per day using the Israeli video that was edited for our use. I have been alternating between that video and the video we had produced to keep it fresh. The results were very good and are attached to this report. We had 1,151 link clicks directly from the PSA going to larna.org. I recommend that we spend \$750.00 per quarter for 75 days at 10.00/day each quarter for a total of \$3000.00 for social media in 2024.

The FD subcommittee met twice in the last quarter to develop strategy and a budget for 2024.

The proposed budget is the following: 1. Region website and helpline: \$700.00 2. Social Media: \$3,000.00 3. Region Business Cards (10,000): \$300.00 4. 3' x 6' Signs (10 per area, 100 total) : \$3,000.00 5. Travel: (other than RSC) \$300.00 Total: \$7,300.00

ILS

Richard T

4. <u>Policy</u> – Vacant

a) The Ad Hoc Committee Policy revision is currently on hold waiting on legal recommendation.

C. Interesting Parties:

1. <u>Board of Directors –</u> Bob Si. – Report submitted.

Louisiana Regional Convention Board Report 1/7/24

Greetings

It has been a couple of busy months for the board. Included with my report will be bank statements from the 3 accounts for November and December. The December statements will be dated December 29th, bid guidelines, convention guidelines, minutes from our last board meetings (the one from December 30th is not out yet) as well as convention committee meeting minutes. I will also forward them electronically to whoever becomes the secretary.

We have held two (2) meetings, as well as a zoom meeting. We met online 10/18/23 to confirm Don B. as treasurer of the Louisiana Regional Convention. We also agreed to:

-Approved reimbursement of \$1405.12 to Bob Singer. for laptop with 2-year service plan-Authorized Bob S. to sign contract with Marriott Hotel for May 24-26, 2023

Minor revisions have been made to the contract thus far (4 comp rooms) and asking to change the number of tables in the Merchandise room.

-Scheduled next BOD meeting for Sunday, November 12, 2023, 2 PM at Grace Baptist

Voted to remove Serena Pandose as a signer from all the (3) bank accounts. Voted to remove Bob Storer as a signer from all the (3) bank accounts. (via zoom)

We met in November to elect officers for the board:

- Chair: elected Bob Singer to remain as Chair until his term on the board was up.
- Vice Chair: elected Ron Duggins
- Treasurer: elected Rick Smith.
- Secretary: Denise Howell.
- Web and Vendor Liaison Pixie Storer elected.

We also agreed to purchase a subscription to Microsoft office multiuser pack, through Microsoft 365. The cost was to be around \$100.00; purchase was through the convention treasurer and reimbursed by the board. This is a one-year subscription that will be renewed by the board on a yearly basis. One copy to be used by the convention treasurer, other copies to be made available to the other committee members as needed for committee business, as well as other board members as needed for NA business. We will also be working on a property sheet for any of the equipment that we purchase, and give to committee members to fulfil their duties. In the past we have done business through the donations of NA members, we felt it was time to utilize our resources to supply the equipment the convention committee needs to get the job done.

We added Don B as a signer on the LRCNA bank account ending in 4245, along with Ric and Pixie. Once we add Ronnie P. and Nikki B and Ron Duggins, I will remove myself as a signer on the account, once we have Ronnie, Ron, and Nikki on the account. We also Added Ric and Pixie to the accounts ending in 2285 and 4210. We will be adding Ron Duggins and Denise Howell to those accounts as well.

We held our last board meeting in Baton Rouge in December. In addition to the board members Ronnie P and Don B were in attendance. Our discussion was focused on improving how we keep track of inventory and how money is processed. Don B had some excellent suggestions that the board agreed to adopt and fund. We will be purchasing:

2 square terminals for use by the convention committee, for approximately \$299.00 each, plus tax (shipping is free)

1 hotspot device and subscription. To be maintained (paid) by the board and used by the convention committee. Price to be determined.

We will also be purchasing rolls of thermal paper for the terminals for receipts. Also discussed was event insurance. The board currently purchases event insurance rider for the convention, through an online service. We agreed that in the future we will consider event insurance on a venue-by-venue basis. Most likely Pre-Christmas Nite of fun. We also agreed to obtain a Debit card to be held by the treasurer. Along with the Microsoft 365 account expense we have the zoom subscription expense that the board will be responsible for. It is currently on my credit card (I am to reimbursed for the expense), but in the future it can be paid by the board treasurer, whoever they might be. Ric will be looking into the debit card as well as the hotspot device.

At Don's suggestion we will be adding another payment method to the LRCNA convention site, money app. This is a Square owned company so it should be no problem to get it set up (famous last words). Ric distributed a digital property agreement acknowledgement for the board members to review. We will be voting on it at our next meeting. We will make it available to the region once it is reviewed. We also discussed future additional board members, and the problems of traveling to board meetings that are located mainly in Baton Rouge. As a result, we approved having board members be able to join the board meeting through zoom if necessary. We have the technology available and will try it out. Speaking of board members, we currently have 2 vacant spots on the board to fill. Hopefully the Region can find some members to fill these spots. Despite all of the work involved, it's actually very rewarding.

The convention committee has recently filled its Secretary and Hospitality chair positions. Cheyenne W from Bayou has stepped up to be Secretary and Trevis J. from Central has stepped up to be Hospitality chair. Ronnie P and Nikki B. have done a great job keeping the committee focused, Don has done an excellent job as treasurer, Program has made great progress on the speaker selection as well as the rest of the program. There are preconvention shirts available and artwork on them. All and all it look's like they are working well together, and have great energy together. There will be a convention fundraiser in Baton Rouge on February 3 as well as the Madi gras ball in Abita Springs, Saturday February 24th. There are flyers available.

Finally, we would like to have a convention bid for 2025, or even 2026. The board would love to help. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me or one of the other board members for help. My phone number is 225 9784749 and my email is <u>rsinger@tgpohio.com</u>.

In service Bob Singer

LRCC Chair

Area Service Representatives Reports:

1. Acadiana Area – Anthony L. – Present- Report Submitted

I am Anthony, a grateful recovering addict; it's an honor to stand in the Gap for our

Area!!

We have Updated the website with meetings that are back meeting in person again to the best of my knowledge. Acadiana Area Service Committee of NA: Host 33 in person NA meetings and 1 Zoom meetings seven days a week!! We have 6 active NA Groups and 4 inactive, total 10, See our website for more info. <u>www.Aascna.org</u>

H&I commitments of total of 3: Lafayette Behavior, Victory Treatment, and Lafayette Sheriff Work Release Program H& I Area is asking for 20 step study working guides for the men jail.

Announcements: Freedom Group is hosting their 32nd Anniversary on Feb. 13, 2024,

Acadiana Cares 811 MLK St. Lafayette La. 10am until see flyer!!

Loving service Anthony L.

2. <u>Bayou Recovery Area</u> – Nancy S. – Report Submitted

We have 30 meetings a week and 1 zoom meeting. The average meeting attendance is 15 to 25.

We have 3 treatment center meetings a week. The Grove, Sorrento, La. Friday. Woodlake in Ethel, La every Monday. Progressive in Zachary every Sunday. We have 1 prison meeting at LCIW every other Saturday. We presently have 15 women cleared to go into LCIW at this time.

We are presently scheduling the Valentines Convention Fundraising Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 6-9pm at Grace Baptist Church, 630 Richland Ave, Baton Rouge, LA. There will be live music, the speaker is Courtney A., Trivia and 50/50 Raffle. \$10 suggested donation.

No major accomplishments.

Specific problems or situations: Bayou Recovery Area has a current issue with getting members to commit to service positions. Our area has several vacant positions.

We have no plans for 2024.

We have no regional donation at this time. ILS Nancy S. - ASR

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3. <u>Central Area</u> – Report Submitted

Hello Family, my name is Robbie L & I'm an addict.

The Central Area is doing well. We have 10 different meetings a week with an average attendance of 8 members attending 2 different clubhouses. Our H&I have been servicing 3 different treatment centers holding 4 monthly meetings. At this time, we have no events planned but I will be getting more information about our annual convention fundraiser we normally have in April. Once I get the event approved by my area i will update everyone on Group ME. Our Area has been struggling with 7th tradition & fund generation. We have sent a Regional Donation of \$10.54.

I did have a Policy Workshop to go over changes in policy with anyone from my area that wanted to participate. I have been instructed to bring that conscience.

I have also been keeping the Cenlana.org website updated. A note to other areas, we have a section on our website for RSC Minutes that we keep updated for anyone to look at.

Our Area meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month @ the Lee St clubhouse, noon.

Thanks for letting me serve,

Robbie L CenLANA ASR

4. Greater Baton Rouge Area – Absent – No Report

5. <u>Lake Area</u> – Stephen J. – Report Submitted

Hello everyone. I am grateful to represent the Lake Area. We currently have 6 groups and 40 meetings every week. The Agape Group also has virtual meetings every night at 8pm.

For H&I, we go to Odyssey House every Sunday at 6:30pm. We also have meetings at CCC, our local jail, with the women going Tuesday nights @ 7:00pm and the men going Thursdays at 8:00pm.

In PI, The Recovery group has changed locations to 500 North 6th St. in Leesville, Living Clean recently started a Tuesday 8:00pm step study meeting and Agape has started a 5:00pm men's meeting on Sundays. All changes are reflected on our website.

In upcoming events, the annual Toledo Bend Meditation Retreat is returning and will take place on February $2^{nd} - 4^{th}$. It features cabin lodging and meals provided. The Unity Campout will take place on March $15^{th} - 17^{th}$. Flyers for both are being provided.

Our 7th Tradition is \$100.00.

In Loving Service, Stephan J.

6. <u>New Orleans Area</u> – Absent – Nothing to submit.

7. North Area – Jax W. – Report Submitted

North Area has a total of 10 meetings with 5 home groups with 50-60 members. Attendence is still growing.

H&I has been doing really well with panels going into uprising every other Saturday at 3pm a Tuesday evening panel into CADA at 7pm and a book study panel into CADA on Sundays at 6pm. We have had a very good panel participation from the fellowship.

Policy is planning to meet this month to update the policy.

Fellowship development had its first subcommittee meeting on November 26. We elected officers for positions for the subcommittee Haley M is vice chair, Connie, be a secretary and Ross B for the IT position. We discussed Changing of the meeting list format as to make it simpler and cost-effective also Putting the meeting times on a on a sign and attach it to the outside of the door. Our focus for the next 30 days is gathering of treatment facilities and detoxes and calling those places and seeing what would it take to make IP and/or meeting list available to the clients.

There will be a Valentines Dance on February 10th starting at 1pm. There will be a total of 4 speakers. From 2pm- 3pm one male and one female will speak on relationship for 30 mins each and from 4pm- 5pm one male and one female will speak on sponsorship for 30 mins each. Then there will be a meeting at 8pm. There will also be a 50/50 auction, food, music, and games.

Overall, the North Area is doing well. We are seeing more growth in the area as well.

In Loving Service, Jax W. :-)

8. Northshore Area – Trent H. – Report Submitted – Can't open.

9. <u>Serenity Area</u> – Daniel S. – Report Submitted

Hello Region,

The Serenity Area now hosts meetings in 6 different towns and cities. We have a total of 10 meetings per week. We keep up with 2 different facilities for H&I. Our biggest H&I commitment meets weekly on Fridays at 7:00pm. That facility is Lincoln Nova Vital Recovery in Ruston, LA. They have 50 male beds and 26 female beds, I'm told.

Our last function was held in Springhill, LA on December 17th. We are a small Area with most of our meetings held in small towns covering a large geographical area. Our next function isn't planned yet but I am hoping it will be held either in Farmerville or Ruston. We hope to add a convention fundraiser function in the near future. Possibly this April but maybe April 2025. In loving service, Daniel S.

10. <u>Unity Area</u> – Robbie G. – Report submitted.

We have 16 meetings, 2 H&I meetings, a phoneline, a Facebook page and physical meeting list.

We have an active A&F Subcommittee.

We have no donation for RSC this session.

In Loving Service, Robbie, G.

P.S. We meet the third Sunday of the month at 4 pm at 5122 West Esplanade, Metaire, LA 70006 Good Shepherd Church

VI. <u>Election:</u>

A. Board Of Directors – No New Nominations

B. RSC Results:

Position	Name	Results
H&I	Stephen L.	Vote of Acclimation
Secretary	Michelle C.	Nominated – Not willing
Policy	OPEN	
Secretary	OPEN	
Tech Position	OPEN	
A&F	OPEN	

VII. Old Business (Unfinished Business):

A. Motions Sent Back to Areas: NONE

VIII. <u>New Business:</u>

- A. Motions:
 - 1. <u>Motion #2024-01-01:</u> Maker Treasurer Don B., 2nd By: Robbie G. (Unity Area) <u>Motion:</u> To use a new money motion form when making motions requesting money from the region.
 - **Intent:** The new form has a place to record who is the payee (who to write the check to), a place to write the amount, and a place to write a detailed description of what the money is needed for, as well as a place to check off if the motion as supporting documentation.

Call to Vote:	For:	8	Against:	0	Abstentions:	0
		Motio	n Passed			

 <u>Motion #M2024-01-02</u>: Maker – Stephen L. (H&I), 2nd By: Stephan J. (Lake Area) <u>Motion</u>: To purchase 37 soft cover Basic Text to be distributed to Jails in the Region. <u>Intent</u>: To follow through on our previously budgeted intentions to use the Gumbo Cook Off money for H&I Literature for Prisons.
 <u>Check Payable to</u>: Stephen Losee <u>Amount</u>: \$518.49 <u>Detail Description</u>: The Basic Text will be available today for ASR's to bring back to their Areas.
 <u>Supporting Document Attached</u>: Yes

> Call to Vote: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion Passed

 Motion #M2024-01-03: Maker – Stephen L (H&I), 2nd By Anthony L. (Acadiana) <u>Motion:</u> To Purchase 20 Step Working Guides for Lafayette Sheriffs Work Release Commitment.
 <u>Intent:</u> To Further our primary purpose and expand inmates exposure to our program. <u>Check Payable to:</u> Acadiana Area of Narcotics Anonymous <u>Amount: \$227.00</u> <u>Detail Description</u>: Twenty Step Working Guides to be purchased for distributions at Acadiana Area's Jail Commitment

Supporting Documentation Attached: Yes

Call to Vote:For: 8Against:0Abstentions: 0

Motion Passed

Motion #M2024-01-04: Maker – Richard T. 2nd By Jax W. (North Area)
 Motion: Reimbursement for money spent on Facebook PSA for Last Quarter of 2023.
 <u>Intent:</u> To be fully self-supporting
 <u>Check Payable to:</u> Richard Tripp
 <u>Amount:</u> \$349.98
 <u>Supporting Documents Attached:</u> Yes

Call to Vote: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion Passed

 5. <u>Motion #M2024-01-05</u>: Maker – Richard T. (FD), 2nd By: Stephan J. (Lake Area) <u>Motion</u>: Reimbursement for Twilio (Helpline) for last quarter of 2023 <u>Intent</u>: To be fully Self-supporting. <u>Check Payable to</u>: Richard Tripp <u>Amount</u>: \$21.26 <u>Supporting Documentation Attached</u>: Yes

Call to Vote:For:8Against:0Abstentions:0

Motion Passed

6.	<u>Motion #M2024-01-06</u> : N	/Iaker – Stephe	en L. (H&I), 2 ¹	nd By Tr	ent H. (Northshore)		
	Motion: To purchase literature for LCIW						
	Intent: To follow through on our previously budgeted intentions of providing literature						
	to Jails & P	Prisons in the Re	egion.				
	Check Payable To: Nanc	y Hagmaler	Am	<u>ount:</u> \$2	248.00		
	Detail Description: Purch	ase 10 Just for	Today and 10 I	Living C	lean (soft covers)		
	Supporting Documentati	on Attached:	Yes				
	Call to Vote:	For: 8	Against:	0	Abstentions: 0		
		Motion Pas	ssed				
7.	Motion #2024-01-07: Ma	ker – Don B. ('	Freasurer), 2 ⁿ	^d Bv: St	ephan J. (Lake)		
	Motion: Region should ob			•	-		
	Intent: New way of banki			0			
	·	payments may n					
	Call to Vote:	For: 8	1		Abstentions: 0		
		Motion Pas	0	Ū			
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8	Mation #2024 01 08: Ma	kon Anthony	I (Acadiana)	and D.	(Northshana)		

 Motion #2024-01-08: Maker – Anthony L. (Acadiana), 2nd By:Trent H. (Northshore) Motion: Don B. and Stephan J. will retain law advice from a lawyer on incorporation. <u>Intent:</u> Move forward with establishing legal status with our 501c organization.

Call to Vote:	For:	8	Against:	0	Abstentions: 0
	Motio	n Passe	ed		

9. <u>Motion #2024-01-09</u>: Maker – Admin Committee, 2nd By: Stephan J. (Lake) Motion: To set the 2024 Yearly Budgets. Total Budget is \$29,500.00.

A&F*	\$1,200.00	Travel Fund*	\$2,800.00							
H&I*	\$1,800.00	Seed Money*	\$2,400.00							
Policy*	\$ 250.00	Legal Fees*	\$3,000.00							
Fellowship	\$7,300.00	Insurance*	\$5,000.00							
Development*										
Regional Delegate*	\$2,800.00	Administration*	\$ 250.00							

Intent: Transparency and Accountability

Treasurers Note:* - Budgets with an active committee and placed in encumbered funds.Call to Vote:For:8Against:0Abstentions:0Motion Passed

10. <u>Motion #2024-01-10</u>: Maker – Robbie G. (Unity Area)

<u>Motion:</u> To restore the RSC to being a service body by dissolving/terminating its nonprofit status. *We request that this motion be sent back to Areas for a group conscience.*

Intent: Application of tradition 8 & 9, there by protecting our members from possible litigation/liability.

Motion to Table: Nancy (Bayou Recovery Area), 2nd By: Anthony L (Acadiana)

Call to Vote: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion Tabled Pending Legal Advice

11	Matter #2024 01 11, Malar Dallis C. (Haite Area)							
<mark>11.</mark>	Motion #2024-01-11: Maker – Robbie G. (Unity Area)							
	Motion: For the RSC to post minutes on the Louisiana Region of Narcotics Anonymous							
	Website within 30 days of its last session (meeting).							
	ntent: To inform all members of business doings in a timely manner. As of our							
	November 19,2023 area minutes only Jan 2023 minutes were posted.							
	Referred Back to Areas							
12.	Motion #2024-01-12: Maker – Robbie G. (Unity Area)							
	Motion: To restore the RSC name to Louisiana Region of Narcotics Anonymous with the							
	IRS and the Louisiana Secretary of State.							
	Intent: To accurately reflect the name, we have been using – there was no vote from							
	groups approving a name change to gain nonprofit status.							
	Motion to Table: Robbie L. (Central Area), 2 nd By: Daniel S. (Serenity Area)							
	Call to Vote: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0							
	Motion Tabled Pending Legal Advice							
13.	Motion #2024-01-13: Maker – Ricard T. (Fellowship Dev.), 2 nd By Jax W (North)							
	Motion: I ask the RSC to authorize the Treasurer to use the RSC Debit Card to pay for							
	the following items in the approved Fellowship Development budget . The figures							
	are a "not to exceed" amount and are for items to be implemented in the first							
	quarter of 2024.							

* Facebook PSA for 75days \$750.00

*100 – 3'x 6' Signs \$3,000.00

* 10,000 Business Cards \$300.00

Intent: Intent is to Carry the Message

Call to Vote: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion Passed

B. Host Area For January 2024 RSC: New Orleans Area

The New Orleans Area asked for seed money from the Region of \$600.00 and returned \$705.00. We made a profit of \$105.00 Financial Sheet for Weekend

Louisiana Region Weekend							
	<u>January 6 – 7 2024</u>						
	New Orleans Area						
Expense Report							
Rent (Gethsemane Church)	\$100.00						
Rent (Fellowship Hall)	\$100.00						
DJ Klean & Soba	\$150.00						
Sam's Club (Cutlery & Plates)	\$ 74.90						
Coffee & (King Cakes & Donuts)	\$188.31						
Sam's Club (Food & Drinks)	\$141.64						
Marques Foods (Pans and Food)	\$ 35.34						
Walmart (Food and Water)	\$ 86.44						
	Total Expenses <\$876.63>						
Income:							
Door Admission	\$810.00						
50/50 Raffle \$356 /	/ 2 = \$178.00						
Drinks	\$ 98.00						
	Total Income \$1,086.63						
	LRSCNA Seed Money: <\$600.00>						
	Don B. (NOANA) Seed Money: <a>						
	Total Profit: \$210.00						
<u>1/2 Split of Profit:</u>							
New Orleans Area \$105.00							
Louisiana Region \$105.00							
Donations:							
Don B. – Chicken, Spaghetti	i It Works – Drinks and Water						
James G. – Jambalaya	Amy G White Beans						
Pre-Christmas – Drinks	-						
Thank You New	ew Orleans Area for Hosting a Wonderful Weekend						

C. Host Area for October RSC:

1. Bayou Recovery Area will Host Region Weekend in January 2024. We sent a check for \$600.00 seed money with Nancy S. to the Bayou Recovery Area.

IX. <u>Treasurer's Report</u> – Don B. - Closing Treasury Report

LA Regional Service Co	ommit	lee Tre	asurer's Report	Date:	Janua	ry 7, 2024
Income: Group Donations		Income : Other Funds Received				
Acadiana Area	\$	37.40	Don Buwe CK# 1078	8	\$	49.00
Bayou Recovery Area			New Orleans Seed Money F	Return	\$	600.00
Central Area	\$	10.54	King Cake Dance Saturda	y R SC		
Greater Baton Rouge Area			Fundraiser		\$ 105.00	
Lake Area	\$	100.00				
New Orleans Area						
North Area						
Northshore Area	\$	847.60	Total Other Funds Rece	ived:	s	754.00
Serenity Area			_			
Unity Area			Expenses	Checks	Ck#	Cash
			Stephen Losse - Gumbo Cook	\$ 518.49	1000	
			Richard Tripp - FD Budget	\$ 21.26	1001	
			Richard Tripp - FD Budget	\$ 349.98	1002	
			Acadiana Area -Lit. Gumbo	\$ 227.00	1004	
			Nancy H Lit- LCIW- Gumbo C	\$ 248.00	1005	
Total Group Donation:	\$	995.54	Richard Tripp - Travel Fund	\$ 227.69	1006	
			Nikki Bailey - Travel Fund	\$ 200.00	1007	
Encumbered Funds or Budgets		Scott H SZF Travel RD Budget	\$ 803.41	1008		
Prudent Reserve	\$4,9	00.00	Bob St SZF Travel - RD Budg	\$1,195.11	1009	
Fellowship Dev. Budget		00.00	Bayou Recovery Area-Seed Rs	\$ 600.00	1014	
H&IBudget		00.00				
Gumbo Cook Off Lit. Prisons		09.36				
RD Budget	\$3,5	01.48				
Administrative Budget		50.00				
Travel Budget R SC	\$2,3	72.31	Total Expenditure	4 8	\$	4,390.94
Seed Money for RSC Weekend	\$1,	,800.00				
A&FBudget	\$ 1,	,200.00	Ending Report	Totals	Inform	ation
Policy Budget	\$	250.00	Opening Balance		\$3	1,379.89
Insurance	\$ 5,	,000.00	Income: Funds Received		\$	1,749.54
Legal Fees	\$ 3,	000.00	Debit: Expenditures		\$	4,390.94
			Debit: Encumbered funds		\$	33,083.15
Total Other Funds Received:	\$ 33,	083.15	Unencumbered	Funds	\$ (*	4,344.66
After inputing budgets we did not have any funds available to send a donation to NAWS or SZF. My recommendation is that we revisit budgeting and encumbered funds.		10% Donations Naws				
		3% Donations SZF				
		Unencumbered Funds - Do	nations	s	(4,344.66	
		Ending Balanc	е	\$ 20	8,738.49	

X.Motion To Close Meeting:
Call to Vote:Maker: Stephan J. (Lake), 2nd by Anthony L (Acadiana)For:8Against:0Abstentions:0Motion Passed

- C. Closing Serenity Prayer Nikki B,
- **D.** Meeting Adjourned

Minutes Prepared By:

Nikki B. Chairperson

Amy G. Vice Chairperson

Don J. Buwe Secretary

Regional Rotation

April 6 - 7 Bayou Recovery July 13 – 14 Central Area October 5 – 6 North Area Serenity Area Unity Area Lake Area Northshore Area Acadiana Area Greater Baton Rouge Area New Orleans Area